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## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY 2015-2016 SEASON AT A GLANCE

C = Commission

WP = World premiere

UP = US premiere

WCP = West Coast premiere

FP = SFS first performances

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### COMMISSIONS, PREMIERES, & SFS FIRST PERFORMANCES

Mason BATES	<i>Auditorium</i> [C, WP]	Apr 27-29, 2016
BUSONI	Excerpts from <i>Turandot Suite</i> [FP]	Jan 29-31, 2016
Guillaume CONNESSON	<i>A Glimmer in an Age of Darkness</i> [FP]	Feb 18-20, 2016
Ted HEARNE	<i>Dispatches</i> [C, WCP]	Sep 30-Oct 3, 2015
KILAR	<i>Orawa</i> [FP]	Jan 14-16, 2016
PFITZNER	Three Preludes from <i>Palestrina</i> [FP]	Jan 21-24, 2016
RAMEAU	Suite from <i>Pygmalion</i> [FP]	Apr 20-23, 2016
Jukka TIENSUU	<i>Soma</i> [FP]	Oct 22-24, 2015
Jörg WIDMANN	Piano Concerto, <i>Trauermarsch</i> [C, UP]	Jun 23-25, 2016

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### WORKS BY LIVING COMPOSERS

John ADAMS	<i>The Wound Dresser</i>	Jun 16-19, 2016
Mason BATES	<i>Auditorium</i> [C, WP]	Apr 27-29, 2016
Guillaume CONNESSON	<i>A Glimmer in an Age of Darkness</i> [FP]	Feb 18-20, 2016
Danny ELFMAN	<i>The Nightmare Before Christmas</i> [FP]	Nov 27-28, 2015
Ted HEARNE	<i>Dispatches</i> [C, WCP]	Sep 30-Oct 3, 2015
Jukka TIENSUU	<i>Soma</i> [FP]	Oct 22-24, 2015
Jörg WIDMANN	Piano Concerto, <i>Trauermarsch</i> [C, UP]	Jun 23-25, 2016
John WILLIAMS	<i>E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial</i> [FP]	Mar 23-26, 2016

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### SFS CONDUCTORS FOR THE 2015-16 SEASON

Vladimir Ashkenazy	Jun 2-4, 2016
Herbert Blomstedt	Feb 25-27 & Mar 2-5, 2016
Ragnar Bohlin	[Please see 2015-16 calendar for complete dates]
Andrey Boreyko *	Oct 28-30, 2015

Donato Cabrera	[see calendar for complete dates]
James Conlon	Jun 8-12, 2016
Stéphane Denève	Feb 18-20, 2016
Charles Dutoit	Mar 10-13 & 17-19, 2016
Justin Freer	Dec 11-12, 2015 (film series)
Pablo Heras-Casado	April 20-23 & 27-29, 2016
Marek Janowski	Jan 21-24, 2016
Manuel López Gómez *	Oct 13, 2015
Susanna Mälkki	Oct 15-18 & 22-24, 2015
Edwin Outwater	Jan 28-31, 2016 [see calendar]
Itzhak Perlman ^	Jan 9-10, 2016
András Schiff ^	Oct 7-10, 2015
Masaaki Suzuki *	Feb 4-6, 2016
Michael Tilson Thomas	[see calendar for complete dates]
Yan Pascal Tortelier	Nov 4-6, 2015
Krzysztof Urbanski *	Jan 14-16, 2016
Juraj Valčuha	May 12-14, 2016
Pinchas Zukerman ^	Feb 11-14, 2016 (also violin soloist)

\*San Francisco Symphony conducting debut

^also appears as soloist

## SFS SOLOISTS & GUEST ARTISTS FOR THE 2015-16 SEASON

Emanuel Ax ^	piano	<b>BEETHOVEN</b> / Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat major	Jan 15, 2015
Alexander Barantschik ⌘	violin	<b>MOZART</b> / Violin Concerto No. 1 in B-flat major	Mar 2-5, 2016
Inon Barnatan T †	piano	<b>COPLAND</b> / Piano Concerto / <i>Inscape</i>	Mar 30-Apr 8, 2016
Mason Bates	electronica	<b>Mason BATES</b> / <i>Auditorium</i> [C, WP]	Apr 27-29, 2016
Jean-Efflam Bavouzet	piano	<b>RAVEL</b> / Piano Concerto in D major for the Left Hand	Nov 4-6, 2015
Yefim Bronfman T	piano	<b>Jörg WIDMANN</b> / Piano Concerto, <i>Trauermarsch</i> [C, UP]	Jun 23-25, 2016
Laura Claycomb T	soprano	<b>R. STRAUSS</b> / <i>Brentano Lieder</i>	Nov 19-22, 2015
Sasha Cooke T †	mezzo-soprano	<b>MAHLER</b> / <i>Das Lied von der Erde</i>	Apr 6-10, 2016
Ingrid Fliter	piano	<b>HAYDN</b> / Piano Concerto in D major	Apr 20-23, 2016
Karina Gauvin T	soprano	<b>MAHLER</b> / Symphony No. 2 in C minor, <i>Resurrection</i>	Jun 29-Jul 2, 2016
Susan Graham T	mezzo-soprano	<b>BRAHMS</b> / Alto Rhapsody	May 19-22, 2016
Paul Groves	tenor	<b>BERLIOZ</b> / Requiem	Mar 17-19, 2016
Werner Gura **	tenor	<b>HAYDN</b> / Mass in D minor, <i>Lord Nelson</i>	Oct 7-10, 2015
Thomas Hampson T	baritone	<b>John ADAMS</b> / <i>The Wound Dresser</i>	Jun 16-19, 2016
Robert Holl **	bass	<b>HAYDN</b> / Mass in D minor, <i>Lord Nelson</i>	Oct 7-10, 2015
Stephen Hough	piano	<b>SAINT-SAËNS</b> / Piano Concerto No. 5 in F major	Jan 28-31, 2016
Leonidas Kavakos T	violin	<b>SIBELIUS</b> / Violin Concerto in D minor, Opus 47	Nov 12-15, 2015
Gidon Kremer	violin	<b>BARTÓK</b> / Violin Concerto No. 1	Oct 28-30, 2015
Lang Lang	piano	<b>TBD</b>	Oct 13, 2015
Jan Lisiecki **	piano	<b>MOZART</b> / Piano Concerto No. 22 in E-flat major	Jun 8-12, 2016
Nikolai Lugansky	piano	<b>RACHMANINOFF</b> / Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini	Mar 10-13, 2016
Kelley O'Connor T	mezzo-soprano	<b>MAHLER</b> / Symphony No. 2 in C minor, <i>Resurrection</i>	Jun 29-Jul 2, 2016
Simon O'Neill T †**	tenor	<b>MAHLER</b> / <i>Das Lied von der Erde</i>	Apr 6-10, 2016
Stephen Paulson ⌘	bassoon	<b>MOZART</b> / Bassoon concerto in B-flat major	Feb 4-6, 2016
Itzhak Perlman	violin	<b>BEETHOVEN</b> / Romances No. 1 & 2	Jan 9-10, 2016
Susanna Phillips T	soprano	<b>BARBER</b> / <i>Knoxville: Summer of 1915</i>	Sep 30-Oct 3, 2015
Maria-João Pires **	piano	<b>BEETHOVEN</b> / Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor	Feb 25-27, 2016
Anna Lucia Richter **	soprano	<b>HAYDN</b> / Mass in D minor, <i>Lord Nelson</i>	Oct 7-10, 2015
Britta Schwarz **	contralto	<b>HAYDN</b> / Mass in D minor, <i>Lord Nelson</i>	Oct 7-10, 2015
Alexey Stadler **	cello	<b>SHOSTAKOVICH</b> / Cello Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major	Jun 2-4, 2016
Christian Tetzlaff	violin	<b>SHOSTAKOVICH</b> / Violin Concerto No. 1 in A minor	Oct 15-18, 2015

<b>Daniil Trifonov</b> T	piano	<b>CHOPIN</b> / Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor	Sep 24-26, 2015
<b>Simon Trpčeski</b>	piano	<b>CHOPIN</b> / Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor	Oct 22-24, 2015
<b>Yuja Wang</b> †† T ^	piano	<b>BEETHOVEN</b> / Piano Concerto No. 4 in G major	Aug 20-22, 2015
<b>Nikolaj Znaider</b>	violin	<b>NIELSEN</b> / Violin Concerto	Feb 18-20, 2016
<b>Pinchas Zukerman</b> ^	violin	<b>MOZART</b> / <i>Haffner</i> Serenade	Feb 11-14, 2016

\*\* San Francisco Symphony debut

^ also appears in recital or other presentation during 15-16

T with MTT

† United States tour, April 2016

†† European Festival tour, August/September 2015

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## ARTIST AND CONDUCTOR DEBUTS

<b>Werner Gura</b>	tenor	<b>HAYDN</b> / Mass in D minor, <i>Lord Nelson</i>	Oct 7-10, 2015
<b>Robert Holl</b>	bass	<b>HAYDN</b> / Mass in D minor, <i>Lord Nelson</i>	Oct 7-10, 2015
<b>Jan Lisiecki</b>	piano	<b>MOZART</b> / Piano Concerto No. 22 in E-flat major	Jun 8-12, 2016
<b>Simon O'Neill</b> T †	tenor	<b>MAHLER</b> / <i>Das Lied von der Erde</i>	Apr 6-10, 2016
<b>Maria-João Pires</b>	piano	<b>BEETHOVEN</b> / Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor	Feb 25-27, 2016
<b>Anna Lucia Richter</b>	soprano	<b>HAYDN</b> / Mass in D minor, <i>Lord Nelson</i>	Oct 7-10, 2015
<b>Britta Schwarz</b>	contralto	<b>HAYDN</b> / Mass in D minor, <i>Lord Nelson</i>	Oct 7-10, 2015
<b>Alexey Stadler</b>	cello	<b>SHOSTAKOVICH</b> / Cello Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major	Jun 2-4, 2016
<b>Andrey Boreyko</b>	conductor	with Gidon Kremer, violin	Oct 28-30, 2015
<b>Manuel López Gómez</b>	conductor	with Lang Lang, piano	Oct 13, 2015
<b>Masaaki Suzuki</b>	conductor	with Stephen Paulson, SFS Principal Bassoon	Feb 4-6, 2016
<b>Krzysztof Urbanski</b>	conductor	with Emanuel Ax, piano	Jan 14-16, 2016

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† United States tour, April 2016

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## 2015-16 FILM SERIES

<b>Danny ELFMAN</b>	dir. Burton	<i>The Nightmare Before Christmas</i> [FP]	Nov 27-28, 2015
<b>TIOMKIN</b>	dir. Capra	<i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> [FP]	Dec 11-12, 2015
<b>HERRMANN</b>	dir. Hitchcock	<i>Vertigo</i>	Feb 12-13, 2016
<b>John WILLIAMS</b>	dir. Spielberg	<i>E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial</i> [FP]	Mar 23-26, 2016

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## 2015-16 RECITALS, VISITING ENSEMBLES, ARTISTS, & CONDUCTORS

<b>Royal Philharmonic Orchestra</b>	orchestral presentation	Jan 24-25, 2016
<b>Russian National Orchestra</b>	orchestral presentation	Jan 25-26, 2015
<b>New York Philharmonic</b>	orchestral presentation	May 6-7, 2016
<b>Israel Philharmonic Orchestra</b>	orchestral presentation	Nov 8, 2015
<b>Leif Ove Andsnes</b> piano	recital	Nov 18, 2015
<b>Emanuel Ax</b> piano †	recital	Jan 11 & 18, 2016
<b>Jonathan Biss</b> piano	Royal Philharmonic Orchestra	Jan 24-25, 2016
<b>Carter Brey</b> cello	New York Philharmonic	May 6-7, 2016
<b>Christine Brewer</b> soprano	recital with Paul Jacobs	Oct 18, 2015
<b>Jeremy Denk</b> piano	recital	Mar 20, 2016
<b>Thierry Eschaich</b> organ **	recital	Apr 24, 2016
<b>Hilary Hahn</b> violin	recital	Apr 26, 2016

<b>Paul Jacobs</b> organ	recital with Christine Brewer	Oct 18, 2015
<b>Yo-Yo Ma</b> cello	recital	May 12, 2016
<b>Itzhak Perlman</b> violin †	recital (Jan 18 with Emanuel Ax)	Jan 9-10 & 18, 2016
<b>Andr�s Schiff</b> piano †	recital	Oct 4, 2015
<b>Kathryn Stott</b> piano	recital with Yo-Yo Ma	May 12, 2016
<b>David Titterington</b> organ	recital	Mar 6, 2016
<b>Yuja Wang</b> piano †	Russian National Orchestra	Feb 21, 2016
<b>Pinchas Zukerman</b> violin †	Royal Philharmonic Orchestra	Jan 24-25, 2016
<b>Alan Gilbert</b> conductor	New York Philharmonic	May 6-7, 2016
<b>Zubin Mehta</b> conductor	Israel Philharmonic Orchestra	Nov 8, 2015
<b>Mikael Pletnev</b> conductor	Russian National Orchestra	Feb 21-22, 2016
<b>Pinchas Zukerman</b> conductor	Royal Philharmonic Orchestra	Jan 24-25, 2016

\*\* Davies Symphony Hall debut  
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